(c) when the list was revised and sent to that Ministry and what were the conditions for such a revision;

(d) what are the reasons for which drugs like Sera and Vaccine have not been included in DPCO, 1987; and

(e) whether the issue of omission of these drugs has been taken up with that Ministry; if so, what is the reaction of his Ministry to increase in their process upto 225 per cent.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Director General of Health Services had initially prepared a list of 60 drugs. On receipt of certain clarifications from the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, that only drugs procured/purchased may be recommended, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had recommended drugs for 8 National Programmes, which was sent on 31st July, 1987.

(d) and (e) The vaccines required for Expanded Programme Immunisation were recommended for price control under Category-I by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This recommendation has been reiterated. Increase in price is monitored by the Department of Chemicals.

Impact of increase in drug prices on people

4223 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to study the impact of price increase of drugs on the people;

(b) whether it is a fact that increase in prices over 80 per cent is based on the negligence on the part of the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(c) what steps have been taken to upgrade the representation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at Drug Prices Review Committee;

(d) what is the position of Hydrocortisone, combinations in category-I, Rifampicin with INH, oral rehydration salts; and

(e) by when these cases are likely to be considered and the prices of the concerned formulations cleared by DPHC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals would continuously monitor any rise in price of drugs and formulations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Drug Controller (India) is a member of the Drug Price Review Committee.

(d) Hydrocortisone, combination Rifampicin and INH, Oral rehydration salts are included under Category I of the Drugs Price Control Order

(e) Price fixation is a continuous process.

Shortage of Vaccines

4224. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 304 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether any shortage or non-availability of any of the vaccines has come to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage and availability is monitored by the State Drug Controllers and Drug Control Organisations of his Ministry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no imports of these vaccines have taken place during the last three years;

(d) whether Government ascertained the reasons for exculsion of these drugs from price control; and

(e) what are thee reasons for exculsion of Polymixin B Sulphate, Gentamycin, Betamethasone, Dexamethasone, Demethylchloroteracycline and Pseudoephedrine from price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No reports of shortage of DPI DPT, DT, BCG, Polio, Typhoid and Measles vaccine in the country have been received.

The State Drugs Controllers generally submit the monthly reports regarding the supply position of drugs in their respective States to the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals which monitors the supply position of drugs in the country.

(c) DPT, DT, BCG and Typhoid vaccines are manufactured indigenously and are not being imported. Oral Polio vaccine & Measles vaccine are being regularly imported.

(d) The vaccines required under Expanded Programme of Immunisation have been recommended by the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Industry for inclusion in Category I of the Drugs Price Control Order. The recommendation has been reiterated.

(e) Except Polymixin B Sulphate, Demethylchorotetracycline and Pseudoephadrine, rest of the drugs are included in the Category II of the Drugs Price Control Order.

The Ministry of Industry had set up a committee on Category II drugs which gave exclusion criteria for non-inclusion of drugs in Category-II.

Medicines for STD Trachoma and Control of Blindness

4225. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the antibiotics which are neither in category I nor in category II of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether any of these is used for STD, Trachoma and control of blindness;

(c) the names of antibiotics used for STD and the names of those recommended for price control, and by when the remaining would be recommended;

(d) in what manner the interest of the programme and of the public would be protected if the prices of such producers are decontrolled;

(e) what were their price, fixed under DPCO, 1979 and what are their present prices; and

(f) whether it was the responsibility of his Ministry to draw up a list of drugs required for National Health Programmes, independent of what happens to category II, for which a separate committee has been set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It is not possible to list out all antibiotics as they proliferate due to new discovery.

(b) to (d) Drugs for STD included in Category II are now being evaluated by the Ministry of Health for price control recommendation under Category-I. Drugs for Trachoma and Control of Blidness are given in category I of the Drug Prices Control Order.

(e) Price fixation of drugs and formulation is carried out by Bureau of Industrial Cost and Pricing under the Ministry of Industry.

(f) While recommending drugs for Category I, the overall objective of the New Drug Policy was kept in mind by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Drugs required for the National Health Programme

4226. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Qutstion 1911 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the Hydrocortisons ointments used for Trachoma Control Programme;